



DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, Riccardo Mares, declare that I am a citizen of Italy, residing at Ferrara, Italy, and that I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SERIES-PARALLEL HYDROSTATIC TRANSMISSION

the specification of which was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 14, 2004, as Application No. 10/824,150.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

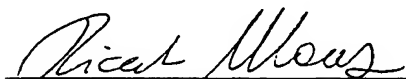
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